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SUBJECT: TURKEY EARTHQUAKE -- UK RESPONSE

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1. DISASTER UNIT, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY, REPORTS
THAT HMG HAS PROVIDED 125,000 POUNDS WORTH OF SUPPLIES
AND TRANSPORT IN RESPONSE TO GOT AND UNDRO APPEALS.
SUPPLIES INCLUDE 5,000 BLANKETS, 300 HEAVY DUTY SIX-MAN
TENTS, 500 KEROSENE HEATERS, AND 100 CAMP BEDS. TRANSWA
PORT INCLUDES CHARTER OF CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT WHICH LEFT UK
DECEMBER 2 WITH 17 TONS RELIEF SUPPLIES DONATED BY BRIT-
ISH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. HMG SUPPLIES WERE DELIVERED BY
ROYAL AIR FORCE HERCULES ON NOVEMBER 27, 29, 30 AND DEC-
EMBER 1. THREE-TON VOLAG SHIPMENT INCLUDED IN FLIGHT ON
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30TH.

2. BRITISH RED CROSS (BRC), WHICH IS COORDINATING VOLAG EFFORTS IN UK FOR DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE COMPRISING ALL MAJOR UK VOLAGS, REPORTS THAT IN ADDITION TO 3 AND 17 TON SHIPMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, THEY WILL SHIP 30 TONS OF SUPPLIES VIA TURKISH AIRWAYS ON DECEMBER 5. BRC VALUES TOTAL SHIPMENTS AT OVER 88,000 POUNDS. SUPPLIES INCLUDE ARCTIC SLEEPING BAGS, GREATCOATS, BLANKETS, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, KEROSENE HEATERS AND TENTS.

3. IN ADDITION, LEAGUE OF RED CROSS HAS GIVEN BRITISH CHAPTER 120,000 POUNDS TO BE USED FOR FURTHER PURCHASES OF CLOTHING, SLEEPING BAGS, ETC. THEY ARE ALSO NEGOTIATING FOR SIX LAND ROVERS. ACCORDING TO BRC SOURCE, PUBLIC APPEAL FOR FUNDS HAS YIELDED 42,000 POUNDS TO DATE, SO PURCHASING IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

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